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(C) On October 31 Poloff delivered Ref A points to Riho Kruuv, MFA Director for Export Control, and diplomatic note (Ref B) to Mart Laanemae, MFA U/S for Economic and Development Affairs, regarding UN Security Council Resolution 1718 banning sales to and from North Korea of certain conventional arms and missiles. On November 2, Kruuv informed us that in line with other EU countries, the GOE will apply sanctions and an arms embargo against North Korea. Additionally, Kruuv told us that the Ministry of Interior, Security Police, Border Guards, and the MFA are taking extra care to share information and coordinate their efforts. Estonia is not a country of origin or transit for North Korea. However, Kruuv noted, if the tigthening of international sanctions drives the North Koreans to look for new routes in or through Estonia, the GOE will be ready. WOS